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1. A solenoid stator assembly adapted to be mounted upon a mounting seat of a fuel injector valve, comprising:
  - an insulative housing having an upper end, a lower end, and a base adapted to fit on the mounting seat of the fuel injector valve;
  - a substantially E-shaped stator core disposed within the housing, said stator core including:
    - a top portion having a first end and a second end,
    - a first outer pole piece depending generally perpendicularly from said first end,
    - a second outer pole piece depending generally perpendicularly from said second end, and
    - a central pole piece depending generally perpendicularly from a region of the top portion located substantially central to the first and second outer pole pieces and in a direction substantially parallel to that of the first and second outer pole pieces, the first and second outer pole pieces and the central pole piece each having a distal end forming a face, each face being substantially flush with the base of the housing; and
  - a reinforcement band disposed about the lower end of the housing;
- said insulative housing being molded to said stator core and enveloping the stator assembly except for the faces of the first and second outer pole pieces and of the central pole piece, said insulative housing being reinforced by said reinforcement band against expanding cavity pressure developed within the

assembly by fuel pressure within the fuel injector valve.

2. A solenoid stator assembly as recited  
5 in claim 1, wherein said reinforcement band is molded  
in said housing

3. A solenoid stator assembly as recited  
in claim 2, wherein said reinforcement band is  
10 retained in location by an undercut design.

a 4. A solenoid stator assembly as recited  
in claim 2, wherein said reinforcement band is  
substantially annular.

15 5. A solenoid stator assembly as recited  
in claim 1, wherein said reinforcement band extends a  
predetermined distance upwardly from the base of the  
housing.

20 6. A solenoid stator assembly as recited  
in claim 1, wherein said insulative housing includes  
mounting portions <sup>operative</sup> adapted to receive securing means  
for securing said insulative housing to said fuel  
25 injector valve.

7. A solenoid stator assembly adapted to  
be mounted upon a mounting seat of a fuel injector  
valve, comprising:

30 an insulative housing having an upper end, a  
lower end, and a base adapted to fit on the mounting  
seat of the fuel injector valve;

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          a substantially E-shaped stator core  
disposed within the housing, said stator core  
including  
          a top portion having a first end and a  
5 second end,  
          a first outer pole piece depending generally  
perpendicularly from said first end,  
          a second outer pole piece depending  
generally perpendicularly from said second end, and  
10          a central pole piece depending generally  
perpendicularly from a region of the top portion  
located substantially central to the first and second  
outer pole pieces and in a direction substantially  
parallel to that of the first and second outer pole  
15 pieces, the first and second outer pole pieces and the  
central pole piece each having a distal end forming a  
face, each face being substantially flush with the  
base of the housing; and  
          a reinforcement band disposed about the  
20 lower end of the housing, said reinforcement band  
being molded in said housing, said reinforcement band  
being retained in location by an undercut design;  
          said insulative housing being molded to said  
stator core and enveloping the stator assembly except  
25 for the faces of the first and second outer pole  
pieces and of the central pole piece, said insulative  
housing being reinforced by said reinforcement band  
against expanding cavity pressure developed within the  
assembly by fuel pressure within the fuel injector  
30 valve.

8. A solenoid stator assembly as recited  
in claim 7, wherein said reinforcement band is  
substantially annular.

9. A solenoid stator assembly as recited in claim 7, wherein said reinforcement band extends a predetermined distance upwardly from the base of the housing.

10. A solenoid stator assembly as recited  
in claim 7, wherein said insulative housing includes  
mounting portions adapted to receive securing means  
10 for securing said insulative housing to said fuel  
injector valve.

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